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**COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2025/1312**

**of 24 June 2025**

**appointing an alternate member, proposed by the Kingdom of the Netherlands, of the Committee of the Regions**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 305 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision (EU) 2019/852 of 21 May 2019 determining the composition of the Committee of the Regions <sup>(1)</sup>,

Having regard to the proposal of the Dutch Government,

Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 300(3) of the Treaty, the Committee of the Regions is to consist of representatives of regional and local bodies who either hold a regional or local authority electoral mandate or are politically accountable to an elected assembly.
- (2) On 10 December 2024, the Council adopted Decision (EU) 2025/71 <sup>(2)</sup>, appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2025 to 25 January 2030.
- (3) An alternate member's seat on the Committee of the Regions has become vacant following the end of the national mandate on the basis of which Mr Abraham SCHMAAL was proposed for appointment.
- (4) The Dutch Government has proposed Mr Erik Jan BENNEMA, representative of a regional body who is politically accountable to an elected assembly, *Gedeputeerde, Lid van Gedeputeerde Staten van de provincie Groningen* (Regional Minister of the province of Groningen), as a member of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2030,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Mr Erik Jan BENNEMA, representative of a regional body who is politically accountable to an elected assembly, *Gedeputeerde, Lid van Gedeputeerde Staten van de provincie Groningen* (Regional Minister of the province of Groningen), is hereby appointed as an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, which runs until 25 January 2030.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 139, 27.5.2019, p. 13, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2019/852/oj>.

<sup>(2)</sup> Council Decision (EU) 2025/71 of 10 December 2024 appointing the members and alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the period from 26 January 2025 to 25 January 2030 (OJ L, 2025/71, 16.1.2025, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2025/71/oj>).

Done at Luxembourg, 24 June 2025.

*For the Council*

*The President*

I. NIEMCZYCKI

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